

3 Churches News

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OUR LADY OF TEARS

After marrying, Antonina and Angelo Jannuso went to live with his family in Syracuse, Sicily. One of their wedding presents was a mass-produced plaster plaque of Our Blessed Lady. When Antonia discovered that she was pregnant, she developed toxemia and convulsions, leading to temporary blindness. Confined to bed, she found her refuge in prayer, for which her husband mocked her. On the 29th of August 1953 she was suffering from very bad cramps. Suddenly she became calm, but then suffered a seizure that left her blind. At about 8:30, her sight was restored. In Antonina's own words:

"I opened my eyes and stared at the image of the Madonna above the bedhead. To my great amazement I saw that the effigy was weeping. I called my sister-in-law Grazie and my aunt, Antonina Sgarlata, who came to my side, showing them the tears. At first they thought it was a hallucination due to my illness, but when I insisted, they went close up to the plaque and could well see that tears were really falling from the eyes of the Madonna, and that some tears ran down her cheeks onto the bedhead."

The family and neighbours were called and witnessed the miracle. Antonia stayed watching for several hours, wiping away the tears with a handkerchief and cotton wool, and the weeping occurred on many occasions from August 29 to September 1. When a priest notified the Bishop's office, an investigative commission was formed of distinguished clergymen, four scientists and three reputable witnesses. They studied the phenomenon, and chemical analysis found that a sample of the tears were of the same composition as human tears.

From the time Antonina saw the tears, she recovered completely from her toxemia and gave birth to a healthy son. The weeping image of Our Lady of Syracuse was approved the next year by Pope Pius XII. The tears were collected in a precious reliquary now in the modern sanctuary that also houses the plaque. It was consecrated by Pope St John Paul II in 1994, and welcomes about one million pilgrims a year from around the world. Next Sunday the September Pilgrims will celebrate Mass at the Sanctuary and we will remember you all..

Fr Matthew



~~~~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~~~~

Response to Psalm **My soul give praise to the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: St James 2: 1-5 Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

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### Father's News

#### SEPTEMBER PILGRIMS

In our 25<sup>th</sup> journey, the Pilgrims this year leave on Thursday for Sicily. We will celebrate Mass in beautiful locations such as Taormina, Palermo, Monreale, and Siracusa (see front page), as well as take in all the sights (and maybe some food and drink too – not forgetting the occasional ice-cream!). We will remember all your intentions as we journey.

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHISTS

Those who help with First Communion or Children's Liturgy are invited to the first annual diocesan forum for Primary-Age Catechesis. Meet others doing similar work, browse resources, and hear a presentation from a catechist in this field. No charge, and tea and coffee will be provided. Next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2 – 4 pm at the Pastoral Resources Centre.

#### PROCLAIM 15

The Archdiocese invites you to a day of reflection and preparation for the work of building missionary parishes. It takes place at St David's College on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am. Prayer, discussion, workshops, guest speakers on the theme of the New Evangelisation. Booking forms available in all Mass centres to be returned as soon as possible. Find out more at:

[tinyurl.com/P15CF-info](http://tinyurl.com/P15CF-info)

#### Praying for our Neighbours

Please remember in your prayers this week our neighbours in **Fishguardd Road (part of), & Llangranog Road (part of) & Llangranog Place** who have received prayer cards in the last few days.

#### Baptismal Course

The next two week Baptismal Course will take place at St. Brigid's sacristy on Tuesdays 8 & 15 September, at 7pm. Please email or telephone Ann Martin, (2075 6300) [martins07@btinternet.com](mailto:martins07@btinternet.com) or Catherine Wieser, (2075 5085) [c.wieser@btinternet.com](mailto:c.wieser@btinternet.com) to arrange attendance or should you need further information.

#### S.P.U.C. ----URGENT

If you have not already done so, please ask your M.P. To vote against the Rob Marris ASSISTED DYING BILL on 11th September. (This really means assisted suicide). This could cause fear and worry for the elderly, sick and disabled. Address to write to with your M.P's name is:  
House of Commons,  
Westminster,  
London.  
SW1A 0AA

#### CAFOD Supporters' Meeting: Harvest 2015

Please come along to find out about CAFOD's work in Niger, and learn how you can support CAFOD in your Parish this Harvest Fast Day. All are welcome.

**Saturday 12 September at Nazareth House, Colum Road, Cardiff, CF10 3UN. 10:00 – 13:00**  
Tea and coffee will be provided.

#### One World Week 18-25 October

This year's theme is- Hope in Action, inspiring a culture of hope to build a more equal and peaceful world.

Saturday 18 October. One World Week service at Llanishen Methodist Church 6pm

Saturday 24 October. Bring & share lunch with L'Arche at Christ the King Parish Centre 1-3pm All welcome. RSVP [gabriela.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gabriela.todd@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Harvest

Quiet Garden reflection– a half hour of prayer and silence for Autumn at the Quiet Garden (Llanishen Methodist Church) on Tuesday 6 October. Tea and coffee served from 10.30am for an 11am start. For further information about the Quiet Garden programme contact Neil and Lesley (2075 3715) or Judith (2076 6073)



**Send your newsletter items to:**  
[luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) and if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive an e-version of this newsletter, please contact the same address.

## Other events

### Annual Fair Trade Sale

Park End Church Hall, Rhydypenau  
Crossroads– Saturday 14  
November 10am-4.30pm  
Fairtrade tea and coffee served all  
day. Gift wrap, decorations, toys,  
crafts, cards and much more!  
For more details contact Elsa Cowie  
on 2075 2673 or Janet Chapman  
([janetchapman19@hotmail.com](mailto:janetchapman19@hotmail.com))

## Christ the King

### "50 Club" Winners

#### August 2015

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25

**Geraint Porter [25]**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20

**John Worthington [85]**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15

**Anne Rees [89]**

### ***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION***

We are restarting Eucharist Adoration in Christ the King on **Tuesday 8 September**. Adoration is from 10am, after morning Mass, to 2pm. We are a small group of parishioners who have committed to a timeslot during these three hours. Would you like to join our small band of Adorers who sit with Jesus each week? You can read or pray or just talk to Jesus. Mother Teresa, when asked what she did during Eucharistic Adoration said, "I look at Jesus and Jesus looks at me". Please think about it, if you would like to join us, contact Maureen Pinnell (2075 7946)

### **JUNIOR CLUB**

Junior Club restarts on Friday 11 September in the parish centre, 6.30 – 7.45pm. All in years 3 – 6 of any school are very welcome.

### RIP

Please pray for Ellen Williams, daughter of Ann and Terry Culbertson, who has died recently.

### **Hymn Book Amnesty**

A number of our hymn books and black Mass setting books have disappeared. If you have accidentally taken one home with you, please could you drop it back to the church as soon as possible. Thank you.

### ***Lay Ministries***

From this Sunday 6 September, the Ministries of Welcoming, Word & Eucharist at the 9:00am Mass will be carried out by ministers on the existing 8:30am rotas.

### **Children's Liturgy**

Children's Liturgy restarts again in September at the earlier time of 9am. For more information, please contact Esther

[esther.milardi@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.milardi@btinternet.com)

### Gift Aid

Notification letters re Gift Aid contributions for the year April 2014 to March 2015, which were available for collection at the back of the church, are now being stored in the Parish Office. If required please ask Marie O'Brien.

## St Brigid's & St Pauls

### **COLUMBAN FATHERS APPEAL**

Next weekend, Fr Peter Hughes, who visited Christ the King earlier in the year, visits St Paul's and St Brigid's for a missionary appeal. Please make him welcome.

### ***PARISH COUNCIL***

St Paul's and St Brigid's PAC meets Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### **St Paul's 40th Anniversary**

Do you have any photographs/special memories of the Opening Mass at St Paul's 40 years ago? If so, they could be useful for the pamphlet that is being put together for the Anniversary. Please contact David McLees on 2075 9040 or email [mcleesfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:mcleesfamily@btinternet.com)

### **SAFEGUARDING AT ST PAUL'S**

Fr Matthew writes: It is very disappointing that we are still appealing for a safeguarding officer for St Paul's. This is mandatory in the Church in England and Wales, and I am sure there are individuals who have the time and ability to help us keep St Paul's a safe community. Training is available. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr Matthew or Angela Ciriello for information.

### **ST PAUL'S 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Wednesday 7 October 2015

**Mass at St Paul's at 6.30pm**

followed by

**Anniversary Dinner**

at Cardiff Golf Club,  
Sherborne Ave., Cyncoed  
7.30 for 8pm

£25

***Please note that today (30 August) is the final day for returning Dinner Menu/Booking Forms and payment***

*Any further enquiries please contact*

*Barbara Cole at St Paul's  
(2048 2334)*

*or Anne Burns at St Brigid's  
(2076 6318)*

### ***ST BRIGIDS CHURCH***

Due to change of circumstance we now need more help in cleaning the main part and porch of the church. At the moment it is cleaned every week by the same volunteers, if enough people come forward a rota could be set up. Contact 2075 6137 / 2076 3969

**Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|               |             |                                                      |                                          |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6.30pm   | C the K     | <b>Catherine Tucker (Murphy Family)</b>              |                                          |
| Sun. 9am      | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am           | C the K     | <b>Gerard Monagle (S &amp; J McLaughlin)</b>         |                                          |
| 10.30am       | St Brigid's | <b>Thanksgiving (Tunncliffe)</b>                     |                                          |
| 6pm           | St Brigid's | <b>Ellen Williams (Culbertsons)</b>                  |                                          |
| 7.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                                 |                                          |
| Mon. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Ints Seyram &amp; Selom &amp; Family (Amoako)</b> |                                          |
| Tues. 9.30am  | C the K     | <b>Valsa Fernandez (S Fernandez)</b>                 | Nativity of Our Lady                     |
| Wed. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Ann Ockleston</b>                                 | St Peter Claver; Bl. Frederic Ozanam     |
| 7.30pm        | C the K     | <b>All Parishioners</b>                              |                                          |
| Thurs. 9.30am | C the K     | <b>Mary Cronin (A Cronin)</b>                        |                                          |
| 7.30pm        | St Brigid's | <b>Len Perry</b>                                     |                                          |
| Fri. 9.30am   | St Paul's   | <b>Beatrice Adoh</b>                                 | St Deiniol                               |
| Sat. 9.30am   | St Brigid's | <b>Holy Souls</b>                                    | Most Holy Name of Mary                   |

**Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|             |             |                                               |                                          |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 6.30pm | C the K     | <b>Rina Casaroli (S Purpuri)</b>              |                                          |
| Sun. 9am    | St Paul's   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                   | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am         | C the K     | <b>Alleva Elvira Falsini (Falsini Family)</b> |                                          |
| 10.30am     | St Brigid's | <b>Int. Chris Babu (Perry)</b>                |                                          |
| 6pm         | St Brigid's | <b>Margaret Free</b>                          |                                          |
| 7.30pm      | St Brigid's | <b>Sunday Praise</b>                          |                                          |



**Please send items to [luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luke.todd@yahoo.co.uk) by Wednesday afternoon at the latest!**

**PRAYERS**

*Please remember the following in your prayers, who are unwell at this time:*

Mary Amugan, Chris Babu, Brian Bermingham, Maureen Carroll, Sian Clark, Mary Clarke, Terry Culbertson, Agnes Davies, Emily, Anna Forrest, Bobi Gower, Maria Hill, Caitriona Lovell, Joseph (Benny) Lynch, Dean Maguire, Charles McDevitt, Katrina Meades, Fr Modest, Vernon Morgan, Sarah Morris, Peter Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Kieran Ollin, Alan Paines, Rona Perry, Rita Purcell, Valentino Rascon, John Reardon, Rhian Reardon, Cath Rees, Claire Richards, Adela Rogers, Peter Scott, Dewi Thomas, Emma Warlow, Dorothy Warren & Pat Watkins.

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Christ the King**

*Tuesday 10am-2pm  
**St. Paul's**  
Wednesday 10am-3pm  
**St. Brigid's**  
Thursday 8-9pm*

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

***St Brigid's**  
Saturday 10-10.30  
**St Paul's**  
Saturday 5.30pm.  
**Christ the King**  
Saturday 5.45-6.15pm*

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sts. Brigid & Paul**  
*Gift Aid £ 708.50  
Non Gift Aid £ 413.08  
Total £ 1121.58  
S/O month av. £ 846.77*

**Christ the King**

*Gift Aid £ 368.21  
Non Gift Aid £ 1108.75  
S/O weekly av. £ 389.29  
Total £ 1866.25*